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Dear Parents,

We come to the end of a short term that was packed with progress for the children and the school.

This term has once again seen a wide range of extra-curricular activities for the children in the school including mini police, star presentations, the writing project, NSPCC number day, healthy eating & love your heart workshops, an author visit and our SCARF mental and physical wellbeing sessions. This term, we will be concluding our yearly planner so that we can ensure that there is consistency of provision for all year groups. This plan includes the return of school trips for all classes next year.

Today, the children have been scrapbooking their Mossy Explorer work to ensure that their personal development progress can be recorded before they receive their final tasks in the summer term. Yesterday, we held our annual Easter Bonnet parade, and the winners were chosen from each class. The children looked incredible, and you will be able to see some pictures in our newsletter.

We want to thank the PTA and parent reps for their hard work this term. They have developed a plan quickly and have worked collaboratively with the school to ensure the smooth running of events. There is more to come so please keep your eyes peeled on the jotter app.

In terms of the curriculum, we were pleased to welcome so many parents to our curriculum week. This included a 'learning together' maths session in Early Years. While it was a squeeze, it was wonderful to see so many parents working alongside their children. The curriculum assemblies also allowed parents to see what their children have been learning in school.

We feel that the changes made to parent consultations promoted a calm environment for useful discussions. We will be keeping the format of spreading the meetings over two areas of the school.

Attendance

There has been much in the media recently about attendance and the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices. As of 19th August, a statutory document, 'Working together to improve school attendance' will be followed by all schools. This includes schools sharing attendance data with the Department for Education. Children's attendance recorded as a percentage and is recorded over the academic year. The Department for Education define any child below 90% attendance as a persistent absentee and any child under 50% as severely absent.

We will be providing more information about this in the summer term. The importance of attendance cannot be overstated and those of you who have already discussed this with me, or another member of the Senior Leadership Team, will know that we want the best outcomes for our learners.

Further updates

We still have lost property in the school. Please come to collect this before the end of term.

A reminder that **the children will be returning on Tuesday 16th April**. All staff will be in on the Monday for our INSET which has a focus on behaviour and learning.

Please be aware that should you need to, the Family Support section on our website is full of tips, advice and signposting. However, should you need to discuss something specific or an emergency with us, then it will be possible to arrange a meeting or phone call. Please direct the communication to head@mossbury.herts.sch.uk

Finally, we hope you have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all when we return for our summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Newbury
Headteacher